(b) The Seventh Five Year Plan po- , vided for an annual equivalent growth rate of 2.5 per cent p.a. in value *Mdr.d* in the agricultural sector and 5.5 per cent in value added in the manufacturing sector for the five year period as a whole.

(c) The primary factor of shortfall in attaining growth rates was the averse weather conditions in the country

(d) For attaining the stipulated growth rates priority i$_s$ being given to agriculture, irrigation and infrastructure in the next , two years of the Seventh Five Year Plan. 1

Electronic voting machine

J64I. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to amend the election law shortly to enable th$_e$ use of electronic voting machines from the next general elections onwards;

(b) if so, by when the proposed amendments are likely to b$_e$ mad$_c$ in the •election law;

(c) whether the rural people in the country will be able to cast their votes ithrough electronic machines; and

(d) Government's reaction in 'his ic-gard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Government hav$_e$ taken a preliminary decision to replace the ballot papei system with the elee'ronic voting machines. However, Government are to finalise th$_c$ other arrangements including the financial commitments involved in the matter. The proposal referred to in h$_€$ question will arise only after the finalisation of the ether arrangements.

(b) No time-tabl$_e$ '->::$_s$ been drawn up ifor tiii$_3$ uurpose.

(c) Yes, Sir. The electronic voting machine is very simple to operate. It is not expected to pose any problems to the rural voter. In fact, when the machine was put to use earlier as an experimental measure, no difficulty was experienced by any one including *the* rural voter.

(d) Government is keen to introduce electronic voting machines at bast in some of the key constituencies in the country, in view, of certain definite advantages in this system over the existing ballot paper $_s$ystem.

Crash involving IAF fighter plane

1642. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMAT1 RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Ministe$_r$ of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 13th January, 1988 to the effect that the Indian Airforce Fighter Plan$_e$ crashed near Tej-pur on the 12th January, 1988; and

(b) if so, the estimated loss of life and property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) An IAF aircraft crashed near Teipu$_r$ airfield on the Hth January 1988. The aircraft was destroyed and the pilot of th$_e$ aircraft was killed. Ther$_e$ was minor damage to a hut and a w*ma$_n$ ^{w}as injured.

Regularisation <tf daily wages workers

1643. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA:
SHRIMATT. KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) what is the number of daily wages workers who have been regularised By th¯! Ministry of Science and Tech no! or? during the las: three years;